EXHIBIT "A"

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

REFUJIA LUNA	§
Plaintiff,	\$ \$ \$
vs.	§ CIVIL ACTION NO
BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL, LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES	% % %
Defendant.	§

APPENDIX

No.	Date Filed or Entered	Document
1		State Court Civil Docket Sheet
2	11/30/2021	Plaintiff's Original Petition
3	11/30/2021	Service Request on BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC d/b/a Allsup's
4	1/3/2022	Defendant's Original Answer
5	1/3/2022	BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC.'s Jury Demand
6	1/7/2022	Defendant's Notice of Removal-State Court

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PLAINTIFF,	§	
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VS.	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL,	§	
LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE	Š	
STORES,	Š	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
DEFENDANT.	•	,

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Now Comes, Refujia Luna (hereinafter referred to as by name or as "Plaintiff"), complaining of and against BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC. D/B/A Allsup's Convenience Stores, (hereinafter referred to as by name or as "Defendant"), and for cause will show unto this honorable Court the following:

DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

Plaintiff's claims are to be controlled by Discovery Plan III, pursuant to Tex. R. 1. Civ. P. 190.3.

RELIEF SOUGHT

Plaintiff seeks monetary relief in excess of over \$250,000.00 but under 2. \$1,000,000.00.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The amount in controversy far exceeds this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount.
- Defendant Allsup's Convenience Stores is formerly known as Allsup's 4. Convenience Stores, Inc. and has its principal office in Texas at 2301 Eagle Parkway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas. As the principal office is located in Tarrant County, venue is proper in Tarrant PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION-JMO - Page 1 of 8

County pursuant to C.P.R.C. § 15.002(a)(3). Defendant is a foreign company, but it is domiciled in Texas and has retail convenience stores located throughout Texas. Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privilege to do business in Texas and maintaining jurisdiction over them will not offend traditional notions of substantial justice.

JURY DEMAND

5. Plaintiff respectfully requests that a jury be convened to try the factual issues of this case.

<u>PARTIES</u>

- 6. Plaintiff is domiciled in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas.
- 7. The last 3 digits of Plaintiff's social security number is 745. Plaintiff does not have a Texas Driver's License.
- 8. Defendant **BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC. D/B/A Allsup's Convenience Stores** (hereafter "Defendant Allsup") is a foreign for-profit limited liability company that is authorized to do business in Texas and can be served with process through their registered agent, Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC, located at 211 E. 7th St., Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701. **Issuance of citation is requested at this time.**
- 9. Plaintiff specifically invokes the right to institute this suit against Defendant, or any other name which has been used to designate it, or which it has used. Plaintiff expressly invokes Rule 28 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure to have the true name of these parties substituted at a later time upon the motion of any party or of the Court. In the event any parties are misnamed or not included herein, such event was a "misnomer", or such parties are or were "alter-egos" of parties named herein.

FACTS

- 10. On or about February 7th, 2020, under all relevant times, Plaintiff was a business invitee upon Defendant's premises at their invitation and for Defendant's pecuniary gain. While inside Defendant's store, Plaintiff suffered serious permanent and disabling injuries.
- 11. On the date made basis of this lawsuit, Plaintiff was at Defendant's premises located at 802 Grape St., Abilene, TX, for the purpose of transacting business therein. While making a purchase selection, she made inquiry with Defendant's employee concerning the location. Defendant's employee directed her in the direction of the bathroom, As Plaintiff moved towards the bathrooms, with her gaze fixed upon the sign on the restroom door, Plaintiff tripped over boxes of merchandise that were stacked on the floor. The boxes were stock merchandise placed in the aisle by Defendant, their gents, servants, and employees.
- 12. Defendant negligently failed to warn Plaintiff, and the general public, about the dangerous condition created by the employees, agents or servants within the confines of their property, created a condition that was obstructive and unreasonably dangerous; defendant failed to remove boxes or obstacles that hazardously impeded the walkway for patrons of their business. The failure to exercise ordinary care and not make an adequate effort to protect Plaintiff at the time of the incident was a proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injuries. It was Defendant's negligence which was the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries.
- 11. Whenever in this petition it is alleged that a Defendant committed any act or omission, it is meant that the Defendant's officers, directors, vice-principals, agents, servants, and/or employees committed such act or omission and that, at the time such act or omission was committed, it was done with the full authorization, ratification, or approval of that Defendant or was done in the routine and normal course and scope of employment of that Defendant's officers,

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directors, vice-principals, agents, servants, and/or employees. Accordingly, Defendant had actual knowledge of all adverse actions and conduct against Plaintiff through Defendant's respective officers, directors, vice-principals, agents, servants, and/or employees.

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- Defendant was the owner, occupier and/or in possession/control of the premises where the incident forming the basis of this cause occurred. Plaintiff entered Defendant's premises upon Defendant's invitation and for their mutual benefit. Specifically, Plaintiff was a business invitee, acting reasonably, on the property belonging to Defendant. The conduct of Defendant, by failing to warn of the boxes stacked in the aisle and failing to keep a safe passageway for Plaintiff on its premises, and placing obstacles in the pathway that caused injury. The negligent activities of the Defendant were the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages in the following acts of negligence, to wit:
- a. In failing to timely inspect the premise in order to discover any dangerous conditions.
- b. In failing to timely observe and inspect the premises in order to correct any unsafe practice or condition and thereby protect invitee, business invitee, and/or licensee, such as the Plaintiff.
 - c. In failing to provide a safe area for its business invitee in order to avoid injuries.
- d. In failing to take any steps to ensure a safe environment and/or safe conditions for invitee, business invitee, and/or licensee on the premises, such as the Plaintiff; and
 - e. In failing to ensure compliance with the safety policies and procedure, if any.
 - f. In failing to remove hazardous boxes within at or near the public-use bathroom.

- g. In failing to warn the patrons, and the Plaintiff in particular, of a hazardous and dangerous condition.
 - h. In failing to properly train and/or monitor employees.
 - i. In creating a hazardous condition.
 - k. In permitting an unreasonably dangerous condition to exist on its premises; and
- 1. In failing to warn Plaintiff of the dangerous condition(s) that Defendant's employees created.
- 14. It is Plaintiff's belief that Defendant at all relevant times had care and control of the premises for safety and security purposes but failed to keep Plaintiff safe. The premises presented a dangerous condition which posed an unreasonable risk of harm to invitee, business invitee, and/or licensee, including Plaintiff. Defendant knew or reasonably should have known of the dangerous condition. The Defendant had a duty to use ordinary care to ensure that the premises did not present a danger to Plaintiff. This duty includes the duty to inspect and the duty to warn. Defendant breached the duty of ordinary care by proof of Plaintiff's injuries. Defendant further failed to warn Plaintiff of the dangerous conditions of the site. Defendant's breach of duty proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries and damages complained of herein.

DAMAGES

- 15. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent conduct of Defendant, Plaintiff suffered injuries. In addition, since the incident, Plaintiff has suffered from pain and suffering never experienced prior to the accident.
- 16. Moreover, as a consequence of Defendant's negligent acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff suffered lost wages, loss of earning capacity, physical and mental pain, suffering, and

mental anguish. In all reasonable probability, Plaintiff will continue to suffer in this manner for a long time into the future, if not for the balance of her natural life.

17. Solely as a result of the injury, Plaintiff has incurred reasonable and customary doctors', pharmacy, and medical expenses for necessary medical treatment. There is more than reasonable probability that Plaintiff will incur additional reasonable expenses for necessary medical care and attention in the future. By reason of the foregoing injury and damages, Plaintiff sustained damages far in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

<u>PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR DEPOSITIONS OF THE</u> STORE EMPOLOYEES AND CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF DEFENDANT

18. Plaintiff hereby requests a deposition of Defendant's in store employees who were on duty on the date in question. Such deposition is to be taken at a time agreed upon after discovery opens in this case (at least sixty-one (61) days after the Defendant's answer day). If no appearance is entered by Defendant, Plaintiffs will serve notice of the deposition with topics and items to be produced. If Defendant enters an appearance, Plaintiff requests the Defendant, or its representatives, provide dates for respective parties within five (5) days of answer day, or Plaintiff will unilaterally notice the depositions to begin on the 61st day after Defendant's Answer is due or is filed. Plaintiff requests that such depositions take place before the deposition of Plaintiff's fact or expert depositions.

NOTICE OF USE OF DOCUMENTS

19. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 166a(d) and 193.7, Plaintiff hereby gives notice to Defendant that she intends to use all discovery products, responses, and documents exchanged and produced between the parties as summary judgment evidence, in any pretrial proceeding, and/or at trial in this cause.

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully prays that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final verdict, Plaintiff be awarded judgment against the Defendant, jointly and severally for all legal and statutory damages, including but not limited to the following legal damages:

- a. Actual medical bills in an amount exceeding but not limited to the medical price for Plaintiff, all of which are necessary and reasonable for these types of services;
- b. Future medical care expenses in an amount found to be reasonable and just by the trier of fact;
- c. Monetary damages for past and future physical pain and suffering and mental anguish found to be reasonable and just by the trier of fact;
- d. Monetary damages for past and future physical impairment as found to be reasonable and just by the trier of fact;
- e. Monetary damages for past and future permanent disfigurement in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact;
- f. Monetary damages for lost wages incurred for and past and future loss of earning capacity, in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact;
- g. All actual damages, as found to be reasonable by the trier of fact;
- h. Pre and post judgment interest at the maximum legal rate on all sums awarded herein until paid in full;
- i. Costs of Court; and
- j. Such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully Submitted:

LAW OFFICE OF DOMINGO A GARCIA, PC

by: <u>/s/</u>___

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Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC, located at 211 E. 7th St., Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701 Name of Party to be served: Service Type: ___ Address for Service: Party Type: Attach additional pages if there are more parties to be served. PERSON REQUESTING SERVICE: NAME: Jennifer Zuniga MAILING ADDRESS: 1111 W. Mockingbird Ln. Dallas, Texas 75247 PHONE NO: 2149418300 FAX NO.: 2149437536 EMAIL ADDRESS: jzuniga@dgley.com

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REFUJIA LUNA

Plaintiff,

Vs.

48TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL,

LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE

STORES

Defendant.

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL, LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES, Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and files this ORIGINAL ANSWER replying to PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION and for same says:

GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant enters a general denial and demands that Plaintiff prove her allegations by a preponderance of the evidence.

NOTICE OF CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE

Defendant consents to electronic service of pleadings, motions, orders, notices, and discovery in this cause <u>only</u> when service is completed through eFileTexas.gov, the state-authorized electronic filing manager.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that Plaintiff recover nothing from it by way of this suit; that Defendant recover costs of court, and for such other and further relief, both at law and in equity, to which this Defendant may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

BROCK • GUERRA STRANDMO DIMALINE JONES, P.C.

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I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on this 3rd day of day of 2022, to:

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48TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL, LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE

STORES

Defendant.

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

DEMAND FOR JURY

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL, LLC. D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES, Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and makes this DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL.

Respectfully submitted,

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Defendant. TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT BW GAS & CONVENIENCE RETAIL, LLC D/B/A ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES' NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 7th day of January 2022, Defendant BW Gas & Convenience Retail, LLC ("Defendant"), filed with the clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, it's Notice of Removal, together with copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon it in the action pending against it in the 48th Judicial District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, styled *Refujia Luna v. BW Gas & Convenience* Retail LLC. d/b/a Allsup's Convenience Stores, Cause Number 048-330593-21.

True and correct copies of the Notice of Removal and the Appendix Filed in Support of the Notice of Removal are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and included herein by reference for all purposes.

All further proceedings with respect to this action shall take place before the United States District Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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